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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** DeSisti et al. **GROUP:** 2821  
**SERIAL NO:** 10/712,848 **EXAMINER:** Thuy V. Tran  
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**FOR:** IMPROVED DEVICE FOR SWITCHING ON  
AND POWERING DISCHARGE LAMPS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the attached sheets.